

corner of the present grounds of the fort and extending south sixty-three degrees thirty minutes east, six hundred and fifty feet to the south corner of the site set aside for the immigration station at Baltimore, said strip of land being located along the northwest boundary of the land ceded to the Baltimore Dry Dock Company and the land of the said immigration station, the same to be used, if so desired, in lieu of acquiring, by purchase or condemnation, any of the lands of the dry dock company so that the Secretary of the Treasury may, in connection with land acquired from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, have access to and from said immigration station and grounds over the right of way so acquired to the city streets and railroads beyond, the Secretary of the Treasury to have the same power to construct, contract for, and arrange for railroad and other facilities upon said outlet as fully as provided in the Act approved March 4, 1913, setting aside a site for an immigration station and providing for an outlet therefrom: *Provided, however,* That if the Secretary of the Treasury accepts and makes use of said strip of land for the purposes aforesaid the War Department shall have equal use of the railroad track and other roads constructed over which to reach the city streets and railroads beyond from the other parts of the fort grounds: *Provided further,* That the Secretary of War may in case of a national emergency close the said military reservation and use it for any and all military purposes during the period of the emergency, and for such period of time thereafter as the public needs may require: *And provided further,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to dispose of the useless temporary buildings and contents constructed during the recent war and from the proceeds thereof there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sum as may be necessary not exceeding \$50,000 for use by the Secretary of War in the restoration of said Fort McHenry reservation and for other purposes consistent with this Act.

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**CHAP. 426.**—An Act Authorizing the conservation, production, and exploitation of helium gas, a mineral resource pertaining to the national defense, and to the development of commercial aeronautics, and for other purposes.

Helium gas.  
Acquiring lands, constructing plants, etc., for production of, authorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of producing helium with which to supply the needs of the Army and Navy and other branches of the Federal Government, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to acquire land or interest in land by purchase, lease, or condemnation, where necessary, when helium can not be purchased from private parties at less cost, to explore for, procure, or conserve helium-bearing gas; to drill or otherwise test such lands; and to construct plants, pipe lines, facilities, and accessories for the production, storage, and repurification of helium: *Provided,* That any known helium gas-bearing lands on the public domain not covered at the time by leases or permits under the Act of February 25, 1920, entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain," may be reserved for the purposes of this Act, and that the United States reserves the ownership and the right to extract, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, helium from all gas produced from lands so permitted, leased, or otherwise granted for development.

*Proviso.*  
Reservation of helium gas bearing lands, not covered by leases, etc.

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Construction of railroad facilities, etc.

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Use by War Department allowed.

Closing in case of national emergency.

Disposal of useless temporary buildings, etc.

Amount authorized for restoration, etc.

SEC. 2. That the Bureau of Mines, acting under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, is authorized to maintain and operate helium production and repurification plants, together with facilities and accessories thereto; to store and care for helium; to conduct exploration for and production of helium on and from the lands acquired or set aside under this Act; to conduct experimentation and research for the purpose of discovering helium supplies and improving processes and methods of helium production, repurification, storage, and utilization.

Bureau of Mines, to operate plants for helium productions, etc.

SEC. 3. That on or before June 30, 1925, all existing Government plants operated by the Government or under lease or contract with it, for the production of helium shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Mines: *Provided*, That thereafter the Army and Navy and other branches of the Federal service requiring helium may requisition it from the said bureau and make payment therefor by transfer of funds on the books of the Treasury from any applicable appropriation at actual cost of said helium to the United States, including all expenses connected therewith: *Provided further*, That any surplus helium produced may, until needed for Government use, be leased to American citizens or American corporations under regulations approved by the President: *And provided further*, That all moneys received from the sale or leasing of helium shall be credited to a helium production account and shall be and remain available for the purposes of this section; and that any gas belonging to the United States after the extraction of helium, or other by-product not needed for Government use shall be sold and the proceeds of such sales shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.

All Government plants transferred to the Bureau.

*Provisos.*  
Requisitions from Army, Navy, etc., for helium.

Surplus may be sold to Americans.

Receipts to be credited to production account.

Receipts from sales of other products.

SEC. 4. That hereafter no helium gas shall be exported from the United States, or from its possessions, until after application for such exportation has been made to the Secretary of the Interior and permission for said exportation has been obtained from the President of the United States, on the joint recommendation of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Interior. That any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment of not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and the Federal courts of the United States are hereby granted jurisdiction to try and determine all questions arising under this section.

Exporting helium gas without permission of the President, forbidden.

Punishment for violation.

SEC. 5. The Army and Navy may each designate an officer to cooperate with the Department of the Interior in carrying out the purposes of this Act, and shall have complete right of access to plants, data, and accounts.

Army and Navy officer to cooperate.

Approved, March 3, 1925

CHAP. 427.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of War to sell real property, to wit, a portion of the Fort Revere Reservation, at Hull, Massachusetts.

March 3, 1925.  
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[Public, No. 545.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, authorized to sell to the Town of Hull, Massachusetts, at private sale upon terms and conditions deemed advisable by him, a section of land, situated in the town of Hull, Massachusetts, and included in the Fort Revere Reservation, comprising an area of approximately one hundred and twenty-five thousand seven hundred and eighty square feet, to be added by the town of Hull to its present cemetery to which said land is adjacent; and to execute and deliver in the name of the United

Fort Revere Reservation, Mass.  
Sale of portion of, to town of Hull.

Added to present cemetery.